

# Chailey Rural District Council.

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## REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, 1911.

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I have the honour to report that during the past year the general health of the District has been good.

The District is a large and scattered one, embracing open country, villages and outlying parts of town, with many varieties of soil.

The House Accommodation in the District is much as it was, only 13 new Houses having been erected. Of these 10 are supplied with water from wells, and the others from existing supply systems of known quality.

Eight complete Water Analyses have been made, in addition to ordinary qualitative analysis, and every new Water Supply has been examined before a Certificate has been granted.

The Milk Supply is almost entirely locally produced, there being 126 Cowsheds registered, all of which have been inspected, the majority being in fair condition.

There have been 4 cases in which Tubercular Milk was detected, and the usual precautions were at once taken.

The supervision of Slaughter Houses has been carried out as carefully as possible.

The condition of the Streams and Watercourses seems good on the whole, and steps are being taken by the Borough of Lewes to diminish the present pollution of the Ouse.

One Drainage Scheme was carried out last year, namely the drainage of Barcombe, and the result is most satisfactory. The Drainage Works at Newick, Firle and Ditchling are very good, but there has been a certain amount of trouble at Ringmer, but this has been very much improved.

The Council does not undertake the collection of House Refuse through the District, but the cleansing of cesspools, ashpits, &c., is well looked after.

Under the Housing and Town Planning Act considerably more work has been done than formerly, and it is work that will steadily increase in amount. Of the Houses inspected during the year, 231 in number, the majority come under the Act, and defects were found in 11. Of this 11, 2 were closed and the defects were remedied in the remaining 9.

Some work has been done under the Factory and Workshops Act, in the way of inspection of Laundries and Bakehouses, of which 15 have been inspected.

School Notification of Infectious Disease is of very considerable use, and I am indebted to the various heads of Schools for early notice of cases not otherwise notifiable, as for example whooping cough.

Scarlet Fever in a mild form has appeared in various parts of the District, but never to any serious extent.

The notification of Tuberculosis enables cases of this disease to be dealt with, and affords means of giving information to the patients and relatives as to the precautions to be taken to prevent the spread of the contagion.

Arrangements have been made with the Lewes Sanatorium for Tuberculosis to receive cases from this District, the Rural Council contributing largely towards the cost of maintenance of any cases recommended by me.

Appended are a summary of the Sanitary Inspector's work for the year and a short table of statistics.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

W. A. DOW, M.D. ; D.P.H.



Population	...	...	...	...	...	12,771
Birth Rate	...	...	...	...	...	15.6
"    "    average for previous 5 years	...	...	...	...	...	19.4
Corrected Death Rate	...	...	...	...	...	9.9
"    "    "    average for previous 5 years...	...	...	...	...	...	10.5
Infantile Mortality (deaths under 1 year per 1,000 births)	...	...	...	...	...	50.2
"    "    average for previous 5 years	...	...	...	...	...	77.2
Deaths from Phthisis	...	...	...	...	...	6 (rate .41)
"    "    Cancer	...	...	...	...	...	15 (rate 1.2)
Infectious Diseases Notified	...	...	...	...	...	25

#### SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Houses Inspected	...	...	...	...	...	231
Slaughterhouse Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	48
Cowsheds Registered	...	...	...	...	...	126
Cowshen Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	252
Samples of water, full analysis	...	...	...	...	...	8
Premises Connected to Sewers and Tested	...	...	...	...	...	74
Premises Disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	14
New Sewers laid	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cesspools Cleaned Out, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	34
Outfall Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	163

